

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 13 are amended and claims 16 and 17 are added. Independent claims 1 and 8 are amended to overcome the rejection of these claims. The dependent claims are amended to improve their grammar. The features added to claims 1 and 8, and the features recited in newly-added dependent claims 16 and 17, are supported in the original specification at, for example, page 8, lines 15-18, page 18, line 5 - page 20, line 9, page 27, lines 13-22 and in Figs. 4A-4C. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is requested to consider the reference submitted with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

II. All Pending Claims are Patentable

Claims 1, 3 and 5-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,710,954 to Inoue. In addition, claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Inoue. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Inoue does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claims 1 and 8. In particular, Inoue does not disclose or suggest an electronic still camera having, *inter alia*, a display device that selectively displays a photographic subject that has been converted into image data and a menu for setting of camera operations. Inoue does not disclose or suggest displaying a menu for setting of camera operations. At col. 26, lines 43-54, Inoue discloses an operating unit 238 by which a user inputs information. Operating unit 238 of Inoue is not disclosed as including a menu that is displayed on a display device. At col. 7, lines 11-18 and col. 18, lines 10-17, Inoue indicates that previously-set settings can be displayed on the monitor (see Fig. 7). However, the monitor is not used to display a menu for setting of camera operations.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 8, as well as their dependent claims, are patentable over Inoue. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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